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a. Effective 20 September 1950, refrigerator trains of 40 refrigerator cars each will operate between Brest Litovsk and the Berlin Central Stockyard. In Berlin the goods will be reloaded on boxcars which will be assembled in special trains for dispatch to Cottbus-Dresden, Leipzig - Chemnitz, Dessau - Halle - Erfurt, and Brandenburg - Magdeburg. These trains are to run on special schedules. After being cleaned, the refrigerator cars will be sent the day after arrival via Lichtenberg, to the Stalin Allee railroad station from where they will be returned to Brest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder. These shipments are of special importance and are given priority over all freight and passenger trains with the exception of express and workers' trains.

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b. [redacted] the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters must provide transloading facilities at the Cottbus railroad station for fish arriving daily in a refrigerator train of 40 cars via Guben. After being unloaded the Soviet refrigerator train will be inspected, cleaned and then returned on the same day via Frankfurt/Oder. The goods transloaded will be further dispatched according to special schedules in the direction of Dresden, Halle, Erfurt, Magdeburg and Berlin. Preparations for the execution of this order will be taken immediately since the Soviet refrigerator train is expected to start operating as early as 24 September 1950.

2. Three refrigerator trains mentioned in paragraph 1b above had arrived in Cottbus by 3 October 1950. One each such train arrived there daily during the period from 5 to 16 October 1950.

3. Meat trains from the U.S.S.R. have arrived at the Berlin Central Stockyard since the beginning of October 1950. *

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[redacted] Comment. It is not yet clear whether the refrigerator
trains mentioned serve to supply the occupation power or the
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